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Funded PhD opportunity: Dalhousie University, Halifax

Food Waste, Municipal Law/Policy and Governance

Applications are now open for a funded PhD position to study issues in food waste and loss, municipal law and policy, governance, and the circular economy in Canada. The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary research group supervised by **Dr. Jamie Baxter at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax**. The position begins as soon as possible and no later than September 2025. It is funded at \$45,000 per year for up to two years.

Project description

Reducing food loss and waste has become a key goal in efforts to build better food systems. Those systems cannot be sustainable—ecologically, socially, economically—while so much of the food intended for our plates remains unpicked in the field, spoiled in transit or at the grocery, forgotten in the fridge, or trucked to the landfill. This project explores legal and policy dimensions of actions taken by municipal governments and other local actors to deal with food waste and organic waste management and, through these efforts, to engage opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The project offers the chance for a PhD student interested in food systems, food waste and loss and municipal law and policy to develop a range of quantitative and qualitative skills as part of an interdisciplinary project team involving scientists, engineers, geographers and lawyers. The successful applicant will join a supportive and inclusive academic community that puts an emphasis on mentorship, creativity and building long-term skills for rigorous research.

This project is funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada / the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

Application process

Candidates must apply and be selected independently for admission through the Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies to either the **PhD program in law at the Schulich School of Law** (application deadline December 1, 2024) or the **Interdisciplinary PhD Program** (application deadline November 22, 2024). While applicants to the PhD program will be given preference for

this funding opportunity, consideration will also be extended to students with a first law degree who apply to the LLM program at the Schulich School of Law and who have an interest in continuing in the PhD program.

Please send the following application materials directly to Dr. Jamie Baxter at jamie.baxter@dal.ca with the subject line “**Food Waste Municipal Law PhD Application**”: (1) a letter of intent describing your interest in the project and your relevant qualifications and experience; (2) CV; (3) university transcripts; and (4) contact details for two references. Applications for the position will be accepted immediately and remain open until the position is filled. Applicants should simultaneously review the application requirements for the Schulich School of Law PhD or the IDPhD Program and anticipate applying before the deadlines above.

Applicants are also encouraged to apply for additional funding through Dalhousie’s Harmonized Scholarship Process and for internal funding at the law school.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please see Dalhousie’s Fair Hiring Practices.